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CONF: US/GREEK INTERESTS
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1. FOLLOWING ARE RESULTS PAST TWO DAYS MEETING WITH GREEK OFFICIALS. KEY PARTICIPANTS WERE JACOBS AND RHINE FROM US SIDE AND CASMAS (TECHNICAL DIRECTOR EIRT), HAGER (MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS) AND PROF. ANASTASSIADES (TECHNICAL CONSULTANT). MEETINGS WERE CONDUCTED IN EXCEPTIONALLY CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE ATMOSPHERE.
2. HAGER AND CASMAS WILL JOIN GREEK DELEGATION IN GENEVA BY OCT. 20 AS CO-DEPUTY HEADS OF DELEGATION. PROF. ANASTASSIADES WILL ACT AS CONSULTANT TO GREEK DELEGATION, ARRIVING GENEVA EARLY NOVEMBER. HE REPRESENTED GREECE AT ORIGINAL COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE AND IS A STOREHOUSE OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE ON SUBJECT.

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3. GREEK SIDE CONFIRMED THAT MESSAGES DRAFTED AT AUGUST

MEETINGS (REF B) HAVE BEEN SENT TO YUGOSLAVIAN TELECOMMUNICATION OFFICIALS AND TO ITU GENEVA AS WELL AS TO ALL OTHER COUNTRIES SHOWN IN ITU LIST OF REQUIREMENTS AS CAUSING CO-CHANNEL INTERFERENCE TO EITHER KAVALA 792 KHZ OR RHODES 1260 KHZ. HOWEVER NO RESPONSES YET RECEIVED.

4. US SIDE BRIEFED GREEKS ON YUGOSLAV REJECTION PROPOSED 611/791 KHZ INTERFERENCE SOLUTION. GREEKS INTEND BRING MATTER OF YUGOSLAV "ILLEGAL" REGISTRATION ON 791 KHZ UP WITH ITU OFFICIALS AFTER HAGER AND CASMAS ARRIVE GENEVA. THEY PLAN MEETING WITH BERRADA OF IFRB DURING WEEK OF OCT 20 OR SOONER, AND WILL DISCUSS WITH SYG, IF NECESSARY. THEY REQUEST US TEAM PARTICIPATE IN THESE MEETINGS WITH THEM.

5. IF CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH ITU OFFICIALS DO NOT LEAD TO POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM YUGOSLAVS, GREEKS PREPARED TO LAUNCH DIRECT HIGH LEVEL DIPLOMATIC PROTEST THRU FOREIGN OFFICE. US SIDE POINTED OUT THAT USG CONSIDERING SIMILAR ACTION.

6. RESULT DISCUSSIONS, FOLLOWING GAME PLAN PROPOSED. GREEK AND FRG DELEGATIONS SHOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH YUGOSLAV DELEGATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. US TEAM SHOULD ALSO APPROACH YUGOSLAV DELEGATION DIRECTLY. GREEKS AND US TEAM SHOULD DISCUSS MATTER JOINTLY WITH IFRB AND SYG, IF NECESSARY. IF POSITIVE RESPONSE NOT RECEIVED FROM YUGOSLAV BY WEEK OF OCT 20, GREEK AND USG SHOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE STRONG DIPLOMATIC ACTION THRU APPROPRIATE CHANNELS. (FYI BELGRADE: IF DIPLOMATIC ACTION REQUIRED US TEAM MEMBER WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO BRIEF EMBASSY.)

7. JACOBS ARRIVES GENEVA OCT 12 VIA SR 35FCMM UFROM ATHENS AS PLANNED. RHINE WILL ARRIVE GENEVA AS SECOND USIA TEAM MEMBER DURING WEEK OF OCT 12.
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